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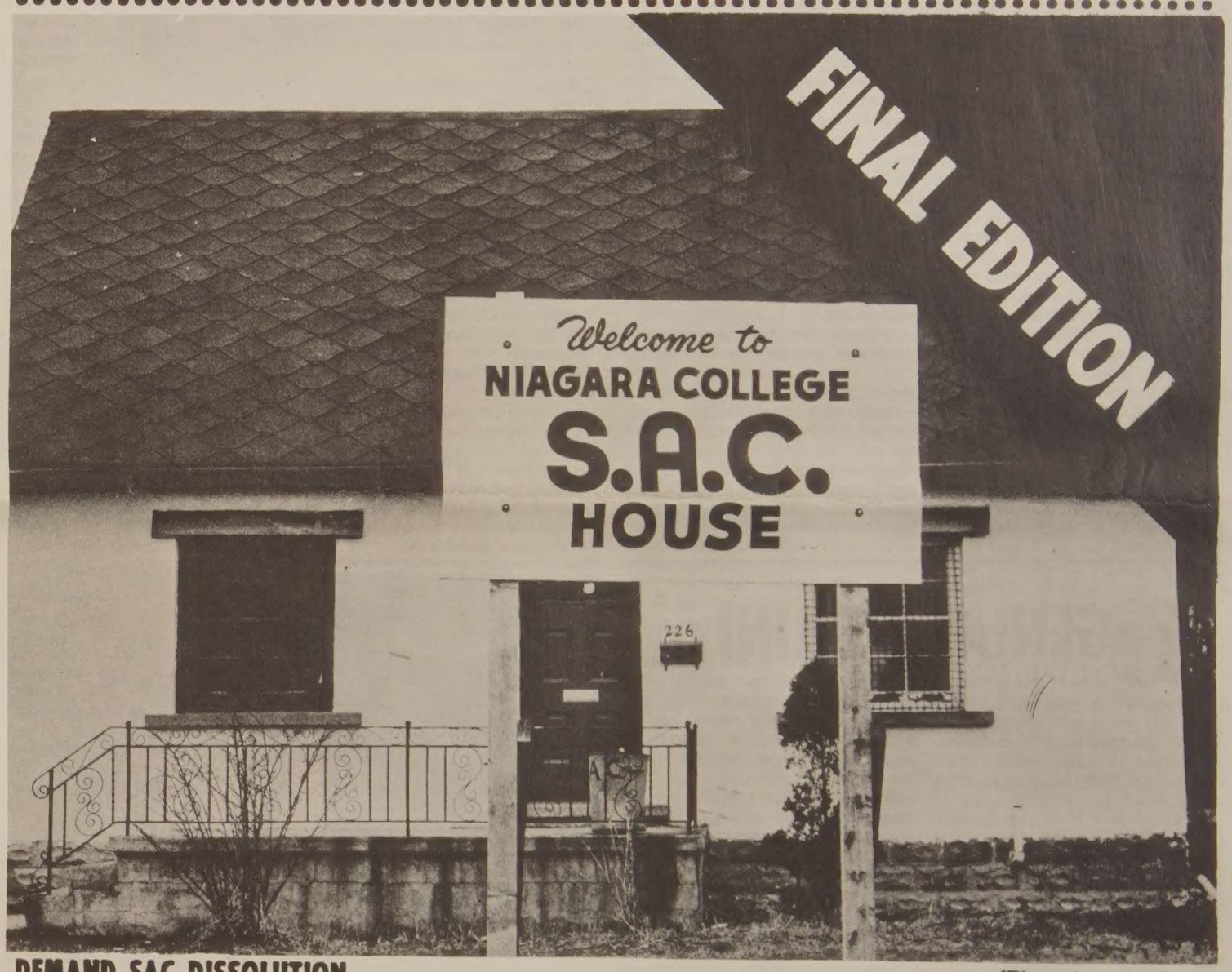

DEMAND SAC DISSOLUTION

(Photo by John Dueck

Petitions seek SAC overhaul

By THE NEWS STAFF

Petitions calling for a new Student Administrative Council (SAC) presidential election, withholding of SAC funds by the college administration and court injunctions preventing the appointment of a full-time business manager and demanding dissolution of SAC as an incorporated body circulated throughout the Welland campus.

A. S. Manera, college president, declined to intervene in the call for a re-election of the president "except in a mediating role." He said the SAC charter "includes machinery for the calling of a special meeting" for the re-election of the office of student president and "for the removal of officers at that meeting." A petition signed by 567 students called for the re-election upon the president's intervention.

The second petition is being circulated to obtain student signatures so that a special meeting may be called to have the SAC president removed from office and a new election held.

Toilane Fountain was elected president by acclamation in March when his opponent Tony Henry was disqualified the night before the election was to be held. Only a full-time day student with a grade point average of 2 is qualified to stand for election. Henry said he thought he was qualified.

SAC officials said one of their members "forgot" to check on the qualifications of the candidates until a few days before the election. Only 190 votes were cast in the election. Public address announcements on the day of election informed students that Henry was not qualified to seek office.

The third petition, started two weeks ago, called for college authorities to withhold payment of further activity fees to SAC until court injunctions can be obtained setting aside the appointment of a full-time business manager, dissolution of SAC as an incorporated body and the appointment of a college officer to be responsible for the financial affairs of SAC.

Disposition of the second and third petitions was not known at press time of the Niagara News (April 11). This is also the last edition of the News for this term.

The first petition also requested an "open audit of the financial situation of SAC, i.e. books, etc." and a written report on the situation "being brought about for the addition of the new position of business manager for SAC."

Beth Bridgeman, immediate past president of SAC, announced two weeks ago she had been appointed

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Second year on placement

This final edition of the Niagara News for this year is produced by first year journalism students. The second year students are on field placement or starting full-time jobs in this area and as far away as the western provinces right up to the Yukon.

EDITORIAL

Public office at every level carries with it responsibilities, and these responsibilities must be rigorously observed if government of a country, province -- or a college -- is to be honest, respected, and fulfil its duties to those who elected it.

The Student Administrative Council of Niagara College holds responsibility to Niagara students. Over the years has SAC fulfilled its responsibilities? Or will SAC executives be known as Black SAC's for years to come?

We have witnessed just about everything including the past president being appointed business manager without student sanction, a SAC member using SAC funds to purchase a car, the recent election that could be termed no less than a farce and the exposure of financial inconsistencies.

Ought SAC to create an important new post without a vote from the student body? Beth Bridgeman, past president of SAC is now business manager, supposedly elected by the outgoing members of the SAC executive. Her position became effective April 1. Happy April Fool's Day.

We agree with Tom McIntosh, retiring treasurer, who said that although Niagara College was indeed in need of a business manager, "it ought to be someone from outside the college." This would certainly appear wise in view of past discrepancies concerning poor management of student monies.

Obtaining student loans these days is not an easy thing as many who have tried well know. However, to see someone entrusted with college funds and taking advantage of the for personal use is appalling. What's worse is the discrepancy regarding the borrowed sum — almost 20 per cent of it is not recorded as having been returned. Strangely enough, the disqualified candidate for the presidency in the recent election, Tony Henry, said that these are things he has been trying to bring to the attention of students for some time now.

In any event, whatever it was that Tony knew and was trying to tell the students he certainly won't get a chance of doing as president. The farce which took place March 15, called an election, is proof-positive of that.

One wonders about SAC's ability to maintain silence until it is no longer feasible as suggested in the following: SAC books were to be made public for students to find out where their money was going. If the auditors hired to go over the books couldn't make sense of them how on earth are students meant to decipher meaningless accounts?

The recent petitions circulating on campus are an indication that students themselves are not willing to sit back and let this situation go completely out of hand.

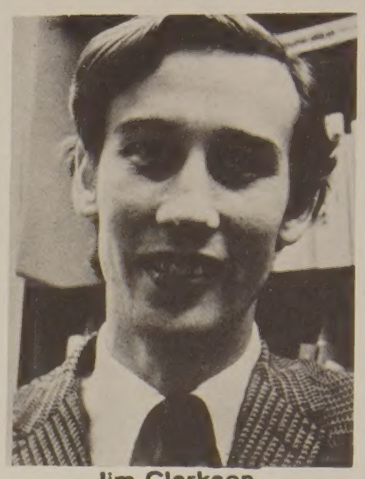
What are the choices for rectifying the situation?

It would seem apparent that a new election is a must. Let the newly-elected council act as a caretaker government for the summer months and call a new election early in the fall term.

This editorial does not criticize the new president Toilane Fountain; a good president needs the support and confidence of the student body and, through no fault of his, the legacy of past SAC administrations makes it obvious that that support is not at present his to be had.

Diana Aus

STAFF RESIGNATIONS



Jim Clarkson

By NANCY REMPEL

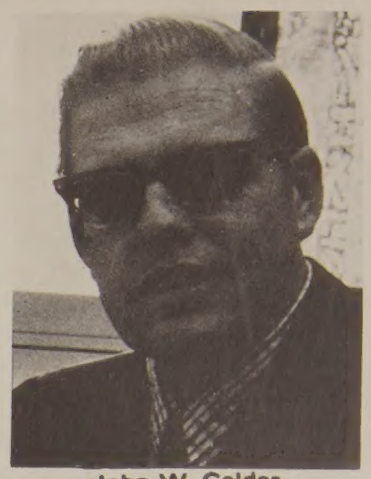
Jim Clarkson, chairman of the English department for the past two years, is resigning from Niagara College. He will take a business job in Brantford "as soon as a replacement is available."

Mr. Clarkson has been teaching for eight years and thinks it is time for a change.

He spent two years teaching at Ridley College in St. Catharines before coming to Niagara six years ago. He was an English instructor for one year, co-ordinator of the English and Communications course for one year and then assistant to the chairman for two years. The course separated into two departments and Mr. Clarkson became chairman.

Mr. Clarkson and his wife, a former teacher, live in Fonthill with their two daughters.

Asked if he would miss the college, Mr. Clarkson said, "Yes" and added, "I have thoroughly enjoyed my six years at the College; my satisfaction in my work was enhanced by the support and encouragement of my colleagues on the Applied Arts Management Team and by the friendship and professionalism of the members of the English Division.



John W. Calder

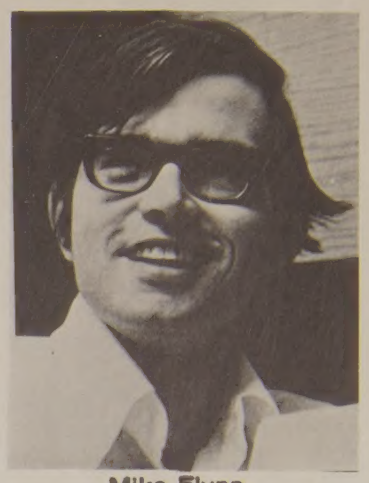
By DOUG CALDWELL

John W. Calder, manager of the computer centre, is resigning the end of this term to enter a three-year theology program at Wycliffe College, University of Toronto.

Mr. Calder came to Niagara College in August, 1967, and was an instructor in the data processing program until 1971. Since then he was appointed manager of the computer centre.

Mr. Calder said his resignation was not a negative move. He said Niagara College was "a very interesting place that treated me well".

When asked what made him move into the study of theology, he said with comical determination, "I believe that's what I'm suppose to do". Upon completion of the program, Mr. Calder will receive a master of divinity degree.



Mike Flynn

By VICKY SCHMIDT

"Things go better with Coca Cola," and Mike Flynn hopes to prove it!

He is leaving Niagara College to become a sales supervisor with Coca Cola in Niagara Falls starting May 1.

Mr. Flynn, sociology and psychology instructor, explained that he had been with Niagara for six years and thought it was time for a change.

"Maybe I'm getting in a rut."

"It's challenging doing something completely different from teaching," said Mr. Flynn.

GENIAL GEMINI

By SHEILA MACMASTER

People born between May 21 and June 21, are under the sign of Gemini, the third sign of the Zodiac. Symbolized by the twins, these people like their sign, have dual personalities.

Sensitive and high strung, they have the most versatile sign of the Zodiac. A typical Gemini will change his opinions, job or girl-friend on the spur of the moment. They are restless and will not do the same thing for too long. They work best when they are doing two or more things at once.

They are likely to speak several languages and will try several occupations before they settle down to one.

Ruled by Mercury, planet of mind, they are quick-thinkers, and are good at mathematics and logic. They may surprise you with their rationality. Besides being quick-thinkers they are often fast talkers in order to keep up with their minds.

They are fleet of foot and lithe as they are always on the go. They are built for movement, rather than muscle, and are slim and agile.

They will be the life of any party, the witty talker in conversation. Although they are charming, be advised that they are flirtatious and should not be taken seriously.

With their quick minds and changeability they make good reporters. They are also good as travel agents and stewardesses. They seldom specialize in one field because their quick mind can usually master anything that they do.

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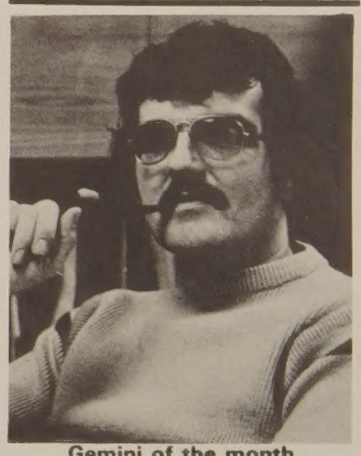


Gemini of the month
David Michener

He says that this is a general consensus of what people think Geminis are like. He thinks that he may be a little like that, with a dual personality and the ups and downs which are characteristic of Gemini. Because he fits those characteristics, he said that he would probably fit the rest of it too.

Letter to editor

Dear Sir:

It was gratifying to learn that approval has been given for the purchase of color equipment for the Radio and Television program. It is particularly satisfying to us in the radio section as we have been operating too long with out-of-date facilities.

This news should excite our listeners to CKNC Radio for soon they shall be able to hear, for the first time, our green announcers.

Joel Thompson,
Radio Instructor.

Only 115 participating

Athletics cost students $12.50 each from fee

By THE NEWS STAFF

A $25,000 athletics budget is the largest single amount in the Student Administrative Council (SAC) annual $70,000 budget. The athletic amount takes an average of $12.50 from each $35 student activity fee paid by full-time day students.

The maximum $35 fee is collected by the college administration on registration day and turned over to SAC in two instalments. A. S. Aboud, director of student affairs, said he did not know the authority for collecting the fee, but said he knew it was set at a maximum of $35.

Only about 115 students participate actively in golf, tennis, badminton, curling, basketball, volleyball and hockey. Hockey involves the largest number of students, about 24, and uses up about one-fifth of the athletics budget.

The budget covers travel, meals and motels for out-of-town games for all sports, as well as equipment. Meals are based on a per person allowance of $1.50 for breakfast, $2 for lunch and $3.50 for dinner.

Stipend Funds Cost $9200

Next largest amounts in the SAC budget for the past year were $9,200 for honorariums and wages, $6,600 for the yearbook and $3,720 for administrative expenses such as telephone, office supplies and executive expenses. From each activity fee, these represent $4.60, $3.30 and $1.86, respectively.

The SAC president received a $1,000 annual honorarium; SAC directors received $20 monthly, and employees are hired for such activities as Pub-Nites at $9 each per night. A March, 1974, letter to the SAC president accompanying the auditors' report said the SAC constitution made no provision for an honorarium for any SAC director.

The yearbook is sold to students for $4 each if purchased before the end of April. A $5 fee is charged after April 30.

A further $10,000 was set aside in the 1973-74 budget for a bank loan to cover unpaid bills and expenses, a legacy from the previous year. This cost each student $5 from the activity fee.

Only $808 for 3 clubs

Only $808 was budgeted for three clubs, but $1,800 was set aside for conferences for SAC members. These took 40 cents and 90 cents from each activity fee. A report on the club budgets showed the clubs Sales and Marketing, Photography, and Ski Club would not likely use their total budgets.

No budgets were shown for other clubs such as one established for Horticultural program students on the satellite campus in St. Catharines.

A $1,492 miscellaneous expense was set up for 1973-74 to cover pub losses and "student damages". Students and guests pay 25 cents each for admission and 50 cents for each drink -- beer or liquor. Other refreshments are also sold during the Pub-Nites.

Success of the Pub-Nite is determined by attendance, drinking habits and over-all expenses such as the cost of entertainment.

No safeguards are built into pub management against the number of drinks given away by bartenders. This is reported to have amounted to more than $10 worth of beer and liquor on one occasion. The Pub-Nite budget cost each full-time student 75 cents of the activity fee.

Treasurer, audit reports reveal misuse of SAC funds

No interviews for manager

By KHRISTA KIRKEY and KEN BLAY

Beth Bridgeman, immediate past president of the Student Administrative Council (SAC), said she had been appointed full-time business manager for the student governing body because "there wasn't anyone qualified except myself."

She said the business manager would earn between $5,000 and $6,000 a year but this was still much less than paid by other student councils.

A business manager had been suggested by bank managers and auditors because SAC this year had a money flow of about $350,000, she said.

She said the retiring executive council decided it would be a good idea to have such an officer and there would have been one last year if it had not been for an $18,000 debt left by the previous SAC executive. She said there was no money last year to hire the business manager.

"We were thinking of putting it in the paper," she said, "and asking people to come over for interviews, and then we came to the conclusion that there wasn't anyone qualified except myself."

"They said, 'What was the point of having people come in for interviews, when they knew damned well they were going to hire me.' "

Asked if students had been polled about the appointment of a full-time business manager, she said, "No. I don't think it is necessary."

As business manager, Beth said she will assist the executive, especially in areas concerning income. She will also assist the secretary and bookkeeper in keeping up their records. Generally, she said, she will serve as an advisor to the executive council and will attend as many business conferences as possible.

At the same time, she said, "I had no part in it when they considered hiring me for the job. They thought I was best qualified."

Toilane Fountain, newly-elected SAC president, acknowledged the Bridgeman appointment three days after he assumed office. He said the appointment had been made by the retiring executive and there is "nothing we can do about it."

By THE NEWS STAFF

The retiring treasurer of this year's Students' Administrative Council (SAC) charges that there has been too little control exercised over SAC funds and that some members in past years have made improper use of SAC money.

Tom McIntosh made these charges in an independent study presentation to some faculty members on April 3. He explained that, as treasurer, he had tried to tighten SAC bookkeeping practices. His purpose was not to criticize any particular SAC members but to prevent abuses in future years.

An audit statement report, dated March 2, 1974, substantiated McIntosh's allegations of improper use of the funds.

The former treasurer's charges and audit report statements include:

One past SAC member used $2,200 of SAC funds to buy a car. He later repaid this amount in full, McIntosh disclosed. The audit statement report said a "loan of $2,200 was made to a member of council and charged to hockey expenses in March (1973). Although we have been assured by your treasurer that it has been repaid, we were only able to trace $1,800 in the deposit records."

Two withdrawals of about $1,000 and $1,200 each had been made from the SAC bank account during the 1972-73 year but the cancelled cheques to back these up were lost, or for some reason, unavailable. The auditor's report stated "some cancelled cheques were missing and we never did learn for what purposes these cheques were issued."

McIntosh said that between $4,000 and $5,000 in disbursements were not covered by cancelled cheques during the 1972-73 year. He said he had not tabulated the exact amounts but the information had been given to the auditors.

Pub-Nite receipts were not always deposited in the bank. On one occasion, McIntosh said, an estimated $1,500 to $1,800 gross receipts from a Pub-Nite never reached the bank.

The audit report statement said "prior to March, 1973, there were no reports for Pub-Nites. Although cash reports were used from April to November (1973), the reconciliation of both the cash received to sales revenue and the inventory reduction was difficult to trace. We were unable to match the liquor and beer returns as shown on the inventory sheets to the cash being deposited."

Under section XX of the SAC constitution, no member of the board of directors can be held liable, except for "dishonesty." The section is entitled "Protection of Members of the Board of Directors and Officers." The next section of the constitution indemnifies and saves "harmless" every SAC member and "his heirs, executors and administrators, and estate and effects" against "all costs, charges and expenses whatsoever which such member or officer sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against him for or in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever, made, done or permitted by him in or about the execution of the duties of his office."

SAC receives about $70,000 a year from a $35 student activity fee included in each student's registration fee on registration day. The registering student cannot refuse to pay the fee. SAC is responsible for student activities at the college; the largest single item in the budget is $25,000 for athletics.

'Probably' take $1000: Fountain

Toilane Fountain, 1973-74 Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, said he had not seen the March 2, 1974, report on SAC financial affairs.

He regarded it as "very interesting reading."

Questioned about his position with respect to the president's honorarium, Fountain said he would "probably" accept it.

Upon having the item in the auditors's report drawn to his attention that there is no provision in the SAC charter for payment of directors, Fountain said he was receiving an "honorarium, not a payment."

Reminded that there is no provision for an honorarium, Fountain remained silent, jumped to his feet, then said, "Well, I've got a test to write."

Later the same morning, Fountain said the final audit report for 1973-74 would show that all of the financial problems had been straightened out. This report will not be available until about mid-May.

Tom McIntosh

The auditors' report in February, 1974, for the period April 1 to November, 1973, said, "Our tests of the accounting records and other supporting evidence were severely restricted by our failure to obtain essential information.

"For example, during the month of October, 1973, 66 per cent of all disbursements were not supported by proper invoices or vouchers. Other records were missing and not available and little or no control was maintained over revenue items."

In conclusion, that statement said, "As a result of our failure to obtain essential and the lack of controls maintained over the financial affairs of the Niagara College Student Administrative Council Incorporated, we are unable to express an opinion of these financial statements."

The auditors are Joscelyn, Laughlin, Harper, Tory and Associates of St. Catharines.

Their previous statement for the period December, 1972, to March 31, 1973, referred to similar deficiencies. In that period about 55 per cent of all disbursements were not supported by proper invoices or vouchers. It, too concluded, "As a result of our failure to obtain essential information and the lack of controls maintained over financial affairs of the Niagara College Student Administrative Council Incorporated, we are unable to express an opinion on these financial statements."

McIntosh said during his term of office he had tried to provide proper vouchers, cheque requisitions and purchase orders, as recommended by the auditors in November, 1973.

In March, 1974, letter by the auditors noted the implementation of some of their suggestions, recommended implementation of the remainder of the recommendations and further checks on revenue and disbursements.

Council incorporated Sept., 1972

By THE NEWS STAFF

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) of Niagara College is an incorporated body under the Statutes of Ontario. Full-time day students are shareholders of SAC as a result of paying a $35 activity fee collected by the college on registration day. The council was incorporated Sept. 28, 1972 by the executive.

Elections are held the first Monday in March of each year. Nominations open the third week in February and close the fourth Monday in February. One week is allowed for campaigning. Elections are by secret ballot. Officers hold office for one year. The term is from April 1 to March 31. If re-elected or re-appointed, they may hold office for more than one year.

Candidates must be full-time students at the college. To be members of SAC they have to have paid studentfees. Candidates for office must have a two point average at least for the semester completed prior to the election.

While SAC comes under the jurisdiction of the office of the director of student affairs, A. S. Aboud said he has no control over the administration of any SAC affairs, including spending, because it is an incorporated body. He said any group can become incorporated by hiring a lawyer.

The student activity fee is collected as part of registration procedure at the beginning of each year and is turned over to SAC in two instalments. The annual SAC budget is about $70,000.

Mr. Aboud said he did not know the authority for collecting the fee from students, but said he knew it was set at a maximum of $35 per student.

The director of student affairs said he was aware of poor audit reports on SAC finances for 1972 and 1973, but was powerless to act because he had no authority in SAC affairs. He said the "best audit was in 1971."

For the past three years, students have expressed dissatisfaction with having to pay the $35 activity fee and the lack of student activities for students. SAC officials have blamed student apathy for the lack of meaningful activities on campus.

McIntosh prefers 'outsider' as business manager

By THE NEWS STAFF

Tom McIntosh, retiring Student Administrative Council (SAC) treasurer, favors a full-time SAC business manager but he said he opposes any SAC member or former member being appointed to the position.

Beth Bridgeman, immediate past president of SAC, announced late last week she had been appointed as business manager by the retiring SAC executive. Miss Bridgeman, 22, a General College Diploma student for three years, withdrew from the program by the March 8 deadline for withdrawal from courses without penalty.

McIntosh said the full-time business manager should be an "outsider" with no previous connection with SAC.

In announcing her appointment as the full-time business manager, Miss Bridgeman said there "wasn't anyone qualified except for myself" for the position. The executive council of SAC did not interview any prospects for the job, Miss Bridgeman said.

The SAC constitution makes no provision for hiring a full-time business manager, but McIntosh said the constitution has to be re-written and "she will do that" as part of her job as the full-time business manager.

McIntosh said he was not opposing Miss Bridgeman personally as the new full-time business manager, only the fact that she had been a SAC member.

The retiring treasurer said the business manager would be placed on three months probation, but an appointment now would see the end of probation at the end of June when no students were about. This, he said, would result in the appointee being in office for nine months after the probationary period.

He said the job would carry a salary of about $100 a week.

Outgoing executive appoints Beth as new SAC business manager

The outgoing Students' Administrative Council issued this statement April 5 on the SAC business manager:

"For the last three years it has been strongly recommended by S.A.C.'s auditors and bank managers that S.A.C. hire a full-time Business Manager to co-ordinate all of S.A.C.'s activities. Of the 22 Ontario Community Colleges, Niagara is one of the last to hire a full-time co-ordinator. Any student who has ever been involved with the operations of S.A.C. or any other student organization will realize the necessity of a full-time person who could lend to the continuity and solidarity of our S.A.C.

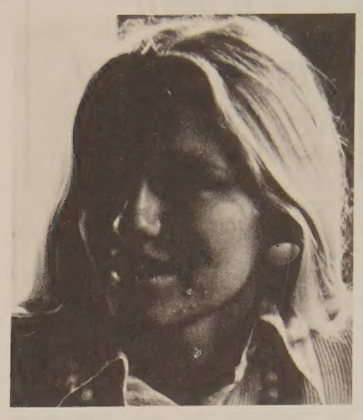
"After much discussion the S.A.C. of 1973-74 fully agreed that our directors (executive members) required the assistance of a non-student full-time person. The new S.A.C. executive also agreed that they needed a person with the know-how of our entire situation. As a result of the executive meetings held in late February and throughout March S.A.C. agreed to hire Beth Bridgeman as the Business Manager effective April 1, 1974, because of past experience and loyalty to the Students' Administrative Council of Niagara College. Any student who has had any relationship with the activities and duties of the S.A.C. will realize that this position is a very wise and justifiable decision which should better the operation of the S.A.C.

"It should also be noted that the position of business manager means that the person elected will be a full time employee of the S.A.C. and **all** activities or responsibilities carried out by the elected will be under complete observance by the S.A.C. The business manager will be an advisor who co-ordinates and corresponds. Members of the S.A.C. are students and have other academic commitments and are not always available."

ROVING REPORTER

What do you think of the auditors' report on SAC finances

By PENNY METZA and DAVE ARNOTT



Dorothy Koehn, special secretarial: "You're kidding. They should hire someone to look into it. They should have someone to keep the records and have access to the books, somebody outside SAC."

Richard Neff, radio and television: "I've heard about this. I'd like to see someone do something. A group should be set up to investigate the matter. It might be a good idea to withhold student activity fees until we find about it."

Brian Baker, electronics: "They need more control over SAC to watch over them and check their books. Maybe what they need is someone capable of doing the books."

Jack Schooley, radio and television, "The students should get a refund on that 66 per cent. Let SAC come up with the money for the difference. That is part of our $35 that is not accounted for."

Nancy Sneyd, secretarial: "I think it's terrible. Where is the money going? The money should be accounted for. All money spent should be recorded."

Former pres. says $1000 for 1 year

Kajhilda Grant, 1970-71 president of the Students Administrative Council, said a special referendum of students had been held when she took office to provide for the $1,000 honorarium for the SAC president.

Miss Grant, now Mrs. Riseborough, a personnel officer of Women's College Hospital, Toronto, said there was a "clear understanding that I would not accept the office of president unless I was paid for it."

She said she had been elected on the basis of this understanding. She was emphatic that the referendum granted the honorarium for her term of office only. She said she was aware that the SAC charter did not provide for the honorarium, but that the special referendum permitted it for her term of office.

Less than 50 students voted in the referendum, Kajhilda said, but the majority of them favored the honorarium for the president.

Jack Gravel, who succeeded Kajhilda as president on April 1, 1971, continued the $1,000 honorarium for president, Kajhilda said. She said a travel allowance had been provided for SAC directors, but she could not recall the details.

CHARTER EXCLUDES PAY FOR ANY SAC DIRECTORS

Niagara College Student Administrative Council officers may have been paying themselves for the past three years without authority to do so.

The latest report from SAC auditors, Joscelyn, Laughlin, Harper, Tory and Associates of St. Catharines noted the SAC charter "specifically excludes payment of any remuneration to the directors." The report was sent March 2, 1974.

Payment of a $1,000 presidential salary began April 1, 1970, after Miss Kajhilda Grant was elected to office. She became the first female president of the administrative body. Other directors who include the executive vice-president, vice-presidents of athletics, internal, and external affairs, have received a $20 a month honorarium.

Other fringe benefits which past executive members have accepted and which are not provided for in the council's charter are a $50 clothing allowance at the bookstore and dinner meetings at high class restaurants.

Making recommendations for tighter financial control over SAC affairs, the auditors advised, "If the council president and members are to continue receiving remuneration, the letters patent should be amended. You should discuss this procedure with the Council's lawyer."

Tom McIntosh, retiring SAC treasurer, said the constitution will be rewritten this year by the new full-time business manager. The present charter does not include any provision for the appointment of a full-time business manager by the executive.

'Probably' increase SAC honorariums: Beth

Beth Bridgeman, immediate past president of SAC, said some honorariums for SAC officials will be increased this year. Asked what offices will receive the increases she said, "Probably all of them."

All offices may get $15 more per month, she speculated.

Miss Bridgeman insists that a general student election was held five years ago at which the students voted on the issues of an honorarium for the SAC president, and an expense account for SAC officials.

Both issues were passed, she said. It allowed for a $20 expense account per month for the officials, and a $1,000 honorarium for the SAC president.

"This was passed on a year-to-year basis, which means that it still holds as far as honorariums go for SAC officials," Beth said. They are also allowed an expense account. I don't know if it is a bylaw, but is was passed by the students."

"If any of your want to know how much the honorariums have been in the past, you're welcome to come over and find out," she said.

By DAVE ARNOTT

Last April, upon her election as Student Council president, Beth Bridgeman declared that "students are allowed to come over any time to look at the cash books and the ledger". She informed me that to date, "five or six people" have taken advantage of the offer.

When you figure out the $35 student activity fee in terms the students will understand 117 draughts you'd begin to think there would be more people interested in where their money went.

The auditors of the council books, reporting for the period there ending Nov. 30, said there were not enough receipts or records to make an accurate appraisal.

Beth has gone out of her way to let the students know what's going on this year with her open-door policy, and her "Bitch-Ins". But few bitched, and even fewer opened the door.

We hope that SAC now realizes that it must police itself, as the students are either too lazy, too drunk, or too stoned to look after their own 117 beers.

Beth says 'Welcome' But.....

Beth Bridgeman, immediate past president of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) told Niagara News reporters looking for information for SAC stories in this edition their inquiries were "welcome."

News reporter Khrista Kirkey checked with Beth several times April 5. On one occasion after Khrista had seen and called Beth several times at the SAC house, Beth refused to take the telephone.

A secretary had answered; Khrista identified herself and asked for Beth.

Beth's response to the secretary's call was clearly heard in the background.

She wasn't talking about Flying Objects!

Toi Fountain confident no call for new election

By THE NEWS STAFF

Toi Fountain, 1974-75 Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, said despite student petitions calling for a new election for the office of president he is confident there will be no re-election.

"The general feeling was that it seemed to be unfair," Toi said. "I couldn't see it being unfair if there wasn't any interest at the time of the nominations or elections."

Asked if he felt it was a slip-up on the part of SAC that Tony Henry was not informed until the night before the election that he could not run, Toi said "he knew the afternoon before the election."

Toi said he was aware of the petitions circulating on campus; he felt they "sum up some of the feelings of the students, but some of them may not be valid."

He added "the students were not interested when the elections first came about; I cannot see them jeopardizing the rest of the council for one position, and upsetting the way it is when they had no interest to start with, or showed no interest at the time."

Only 190 ballots were cast in the election.

Meanwhile, Tony Henry is circulating a petition which he hopes will result in "a fair election."

Section 23 of the SAC constitution states that if 10 per cent of the student body signs a petition, the secretary shall call a formal meeting of SAC members (full-time day students). Three school days notice must be given before the meeting and at least five per cent of SAC members must attend.

A majority vote is necessary to hold a new election.

"If a new election is held, I personally know of two personally know of two persons who would be willing to run," Tony said.

"Candidates will give formal speeches over the radio and in the cafeteria before the election."

Law: students must approve constitution

A revised constitution for the Students' Administrative Council (SAC) will have to be approved before a general meeting of students. This is provided for under the Statutes of Ontario and the constitution of SAC.

The Niagara News legal authority said approval of the general meeting is required for amendments to the constitution as well.

A March, 1974, auditors' report noted that there was no provision in the SAC charter for the payment of the president or directors of the body. Perusal of the constitution showed no provision for the appointment of a full-time business manager for the organization.

Indications from SAC officials are that there are plans to have the constitution rewritten later this year.

Right to Life

SEEKS MILLION SIGNATURES

By DIANA AUS

The Niagara Region Right to Life organization officially kicked off its campaign for One Million Signatures March 29 with guest speaker Malcolm Muggeridge doing the honors.

Mr. Muggeridge, former editor of Punch, is a member of The Right to Life in London, England. His son, John Muggeridge, instructor at Niagara College, is president of the organization in the Niagara peninsula.

Members of the news media were invited to a news conference at St. Catharines Cathedral Hall to "hopefully enable us to present the other side," said Mrs. Marie Tonin, chairman for Signatures for One Million. The committee hopes to receive invitations from local high schools and colleges enabling their Speakers Bureau to present "proper" facts on problems after an abortion.

"We would be happy just to have some literature placed in the schools and libraries," she said; "everything on the subject now is all pro-abortion."

Mr. Muggeridge said the news media, because of the stand they have taken on the issue, were aiding in a moral collapse. It was like an experiment he had heard of in which a man put frogs into a pot of water and very slowly heated up the water; because the process was slow, the frogs did not feel the difference until the water became so hot that they died.

"This moral collapse through the media is fed, it is sort of drip fed, into the general consciousness."

Father Montague and Malcolm Muggeridge

Asked if he was suggesting that women should not have the right to have an abortion, he answered firmly:

"I suggest that the law should protect the unborn child exactly as it protects the child when it is born. In other words the construction of an unborn child should be considered in all forms from a legal point of view with the construction of the born child. That is the simple fact."

Right to Life literature at the conference said that more than 600 unborn children were legally aborted last year in Niagara region hospitals. The figure for the whole of Canada in 1973 was 40,000.

A plan to circulate petitions in English, French, Italian and Ukrainian to churches and other organizations in the area is now underway. The organization hopes that all religious denominations will acclaim April 28 Respect for Life Sunday as declared by Thomas McCarthy, Bishop of St. Catharines.

Dr. K. F. Walker says

NEED ABORTION GUIDELINES

By CAROLE COOPER

Dr. Kenneth F. Walker of Niagara Falls, clinical gynecologist and self-styled therapeutic abortionist, says "the greatest injustice of all" is that an abortion depends on how much money you have and where you live.

Speaking to a Niagara College audience March 21, he said many of society's problems are in part related to unwanted children.

His views on abortion were confirmed by a 1963 visit to Japan where there are 90 million people and one million abortions a year. Most doctors and nurses in Japan considered abortion necessary because of a need to limit the population.

Of Canada's abortion laws, Dr. Walker said, "Middle of the road feelings are wrong and do not work."

He said he decided to become a therapeutic abortionist when Canada's laws were changed in 1969. He said he performed 368 abortions in 1972 at the Greater Niagara General Hospital. Seventy-five per cent of the nurses at the hospital will not assist him during abortions, he added.

No woman is turned away because of lack of money. Dr. Walker said he is not becoming rich through abortions — many people who disagree with his views do not come to him as patients.

He said he believes anti-abortionists have the right to picket but he does not feel it is fair to condemn him.

Most women who have abortions leave the same day. More patients smile and thank him after an abortion than any other gynecological operation.

"Abortion should be on request not demand," he said. "People should let the patient decide." He believes women should have the right over their own bodies.

It is better to have the abortion performed in a hospital by a licensed doctor than by someone who is just concerned with bucks, he said.

To get an abortion without parental consent, a woman must be 16. Most hospitals follow the rule that a husband must sign for his wife's abortions.

Dr. Walker agreed with a questioner that better information for the public on birth control would be desirable. But he felt this was idealistic and added that many women were afraid to take the pill. Fiver per cent of the abortions he performed were on student or graduate nurses who should be well informed about birth control, he said.

One woman questioned the mother's and the doctor's right to abort an unwanted pregnancy. Dr. Walker replied that each time a contraceptive is used a person is preventing the chance of a life beginning.

Dr. Walker said he believes that life does begin at conception, but is is not a "human" life.

He has written two books, On Being a Woman, and Hysterectomy: A Book For The Patient, written under the pseudonym of Dr. Clifford Jones. Another book is soon to be published.

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H.A. HALLIDAY WRITES HISTORICAL BOOK

By JOHN DUECK

Sailing the seas has not always been as safe and pleasurable as it is today. Hugh A. Halliday, history instructor at Niagara College, discovered this during a vacation on Magdalen Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. In his search of the islands' past he found they had an extensive record of shipwrecks. Soon he was addicted to the topic and in 1973 he imprisoned himself for six weeks, studying shipwrecks in the National Archives in Ottawa.

Searching through four Atlantic newspapers for the period of 1831 — 35, Mr. Haliday found 75 shipwrecks reported for the five years on the Canada — England shipping lane alone. In the news stories he discovered the woes and tragedies of the emigrants, setting out on "a dangerous sea voyage to a country as remote to them as are the wastes of Antarctica to us now."

In his book, The Wreck of the Lady of the Lake that grew out of his research, Mr. Halliday tells the story of our seafaring ancestors, their hardships and disasters. It is a vivid account of tragedies when man sets out to conquer the seas. It is a saga of a time when sailing ships on the seas were wrecked by the hundreds, sending thousands "to a watery grave."

Icebergs and rocks in poorly charted waters proved to be the greatest danger, followed by gales of hurricane force, which played havoc with the small ships and their sails. Other disasters were brought on by islands, the shore itself, overcrowded ships, their weak structure, or a cholera epidemic on a ship during a 10-week Atlantic crossing.

In 1833, Mr. Halliday found, 13 ships struck icebergs, including the Lady Of The Lake which went down in 30 minutes with the loss of 194 lives. The following year eight-mile-long St. Paul's island, a disaster spot at the entrance of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, claimed three ships in one night alone.

A shipwreck with the loss of 200 to 400 lives sometimes received only a paragraph's coverage in the newspapers.

In 1833 the first steamer crossed the Atlantic and, one by one, the gallant sailships began to retire. Now, when sea travel has become the safest way to travel to any continent, it is beneficial to read about our maritime past when heroic sailships braved mountainous waves and towering icebergs until they had finished their job of planting our nation across the ocean.

The Wreck of the Lady of the Lake and Other Storeis from the Age of Sail is a leaflet — bound book with an illustration of the sinking of the Lady of the Lake, done by James Kulchar, Graphic Arts student at Niagara College. It is available at Mr. Halliday's office, room 210, for $3.

FPDC elects four new reps.

By MELEIGA PERROTTA

New Faculty Professional Development Committee representatives have been elected and appointed for a two year term from April 1.

Elected are: Bob Callidine, Math Instructor, to represent the School of Business; Barbara Qandil, Library Technician instructor, the School of Applied Arts; John Carpenter, the School of Retraining; Joe Kopec, the School of Technology. Two more are to be elected for the School of Community Education and Health Sciences.

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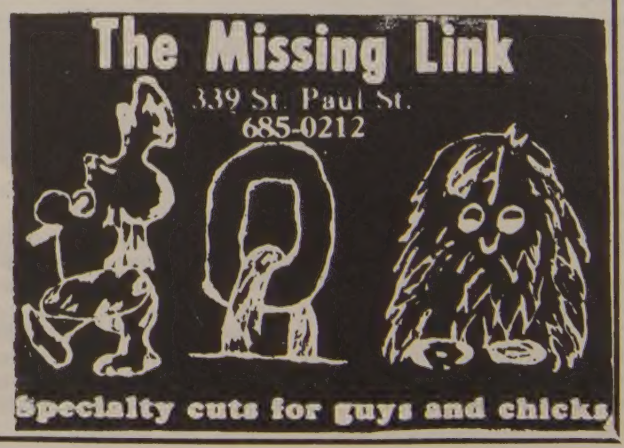

College Grad First Girl Cadet In Niagara Regional Police

By PENNY METZA

Mayla Antilla has become the first girl cadet to be hired by Niagara Regional Police. She is a graduate of the law and security course of Niagara College.

Mayla, 19, who started work April 1, entered the course because a policewoman must be 21. She felt the course would be good training and background while she waited to become eligible to apply for a job on the police force.

At the end of the course she applied to the Niagara Regional Police through St. Catharines and within four days of writing her exam, knew she had been accepted.

Mayla employed as a cadet at headquarters in St. Catharines in the records and communications branch is also doing radio work.

During the second year of the law and security course, students were out on placement two days a week. The worked with policemen in cruisers and had a chance to observe actual situations. Most of the incidents Mayla saw were domestic quarrels, though she saw a case of suicide.

She said she had no trouble getting placement because of being a girl. Her only difficulty was her age.

Bruce Milligan, co-ordinator of the law and security program, reported that over one-third of the students in the course had been girls. Most of the students would go on to become either police staff or private security people.

Sgt. William Harris and Mayla Antilla

Mayla has worked for the past two years as a security guard "whenever I had time." This gave her training in security work and helped her learn how to handle court cases.

Mayla will continue with regional police until she is 21. She then plans to enter the police college in Aylmer to train to become a police constable.

FUTURE PUBS DOUBTFUL

By KEN BLAY

Pubs will be closed next year if regulations changing licensing procedures are not adhered to.

Toi Fountain, SAC president, said permanent licences will be issued to hold pubs only if a separate building on campus were owned and operated by the college.

Waiters, waitresses and a pub manager would have to be hired by the college. Wages would also have to be paid by the college. The pub has to be approved by the Liquor Licensing Board of Ontario (LLBO). As long as the student council operates pubs a permanent licence will not be issued.

Bill 146 before Parliament, which would change licensing procedures, says beer would have to be stored in coolers and served at 38 degree temperatures. Glasses would replace paper and plastic cups. Three sinks containing water, iodine and ajax must be provided for washing and a chair must be provided for each person. No standing is allowed. Twelve hundred square feet must be provided for each 100 people. Beth Bridgeman, immediate past president of SAC, said LLBO inspectors stated food must be served at pubs.

A March 29 conference at the University of Western Ontario involving Ontario colleges showed Niagara as one of the few colleges serving food at pubs, she said.

Beth said she expected Fanshawe College in London, Conestoga College in Kitchener and Algonquin College in Ottawa would get permanent licences because they are in university cities where universities already have pubs run by the school.

Until Niagara can fulfil licensing requirements, Beth said, the future of pubs is in doubt.

STREAKER VIEW

By KEN BALDIN

Niagara College got its first glimpse of "the nude look" on Friday, March 8, without the formality of a fashion show, when four students, Mike, Bob, Tom and Ken, streaked through the Black Walnut Building to claim their place in the college's history as the first "streakers" at Niagara.

Recently, Mike explained how that day's event came about.

"We were joking around with the secretaries about doing it. Then I went to class. After I came out of class, three other guys said, 'Let's do it'. Their tone of voice kept me from backing down. We went to the bookstore, bought some pantyhose and cut them up. We got into a car and drove to the cafeteria and were dropped off in front."

He said the car went around by the cafeteria door and picked them up as they came out.

Mike said, "It took about 20 seconds. We didn't streak, we jogged. The place was really quiet. After we left, the crowd yelled a bit."

He did not notice much about how he felt while he was doing it because, he said, "they kept saying, 'don't think about it or else you won't do it'."

He said he would not have been able to do it by himself.

"It was definitely a group thing."

Are they going to do it again?

"No, we won't do it again. We're sorry we didn't make money on it."

He thought they could have made a killing if the bets they made had involved money.

He qualified his answer about doing it again — "If we can get some girls, we'll do it again, definitely."

His advice for anyone who plans to streak is, "Do it in warm weather. Your anatomy shrivels up when it's cold out. They (in cafeteria) had nothing to look at. Then, get someone you can trust to be at the other end." He added that if someone takes off with your clothes the results are obvious.

His last tip was to do it with friends — "you'll feel better."

Mike thinks the whole streaker fad is "a spring fever."

"Stripping the clothes is like stripping everything that's happened in the winter . . . the energy crisis, Watergate . . . But for me, it was just spring fever."

The worst thing a potential streaker might have to face is, as Mike put it bluntly, "No one believed us."

STUDENTS GAIN INSIGHT FROM HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

By PENNY METZA

A theatre project designed to teach handicapped children to use their imagination taught four students involved a great deal about themselves.

Patience and ingenuity paid off as the students from Niagara College Theatre Centre completed a project which involved working with retarded and crippled children.

The students introduced this project hoping it would help the children learn more about the "little things we take for granted".

The biggest problem they said is that children are "television-oriented". They felt this was a method of protection and entertainment pressed upon the children by their parents.

Phil Cartwright and Gustav Ykema worked with the handicapped children at the Crippled Children's Centre in St. Catharines. They spent two weeks observing the other teachers at work, and eight weeks teaching.

Bob Morrison and Raymond Marshall spent their time at the School for Retarded Children on Empress Avenue in Welland, observing for one week, teaching for nine weeks.

The second year students were completing a course for Norah Morgan, drama instructor. The course was Theatre For and With Children. They had done work with children who came to the Centre on Saturday mornings, but wanted to spend time with children unable to come to the centre.

Their schedules were not rigid. They took ideas from the children and then moulded the lesson around these ideas.

Bob and Raymond, in their work with the retarded children, found it best to gear their lesson to the group they were working with. Each day they would set an objective and then try to meet it by using ideas introduced by the pupils.

They began each lesson with a physical warm-up, and then proceeded with an improvisation on circumstances which surrounded them.

"We used anything for props," said Bob. "We would give them a base to work from and let them develop the idea. It was fascinating to watch."

Phil and Gustav found their routine much the same, although less physical. They put to use the children's fascination with television. Ideas often came from shows the children had seen. Phil and Gustav then directed these ideas into more creative avenues. Not surprisingly, they said, the children like to take imaginary trips using any props available.

They found that soon the children were less interested in television. Often they did not want to stop their drama to go for recess.

The project aimed at developing the imagination of these children. And each of the students felt it was successful.

Mrs. Morgan described the project as "incredible". The students displayed an outstanding amount of patience, she said, and it was surprising to see how much the four learned about themselves during the project.

The students agreed that they had learned as much from the children as the children had learned from them.

taping success

By JOANNE LYNES

The video-taping of Canada Day by Niagara College television students of Niagara was a "tremendous success" Keith Lindberg television co-ordinator of television services, said.

The production was paid for by the Ontario Arts Council and the Canadian Studies Foundation. Videotapes will be distributed to the Canadian Studies Foundation and other educational and non-profit organizations across Canada.

"The University of Toronto definitely thought it was excellent and want a copy of the debate videotaped," Mr. Lindberg said.

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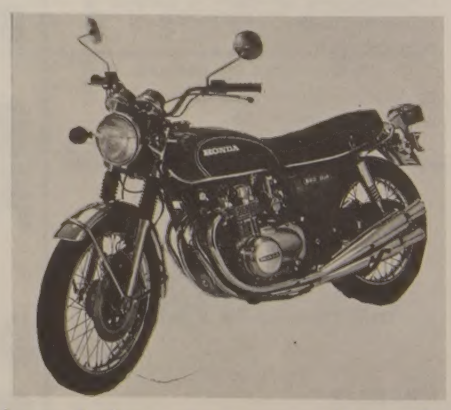

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INTEREST-FREE LOANS FOR STUDENT BUSINESS

By JOE WELLMAN

"Venture Capital," a new part of the Ontario Government's "Experience '74" summer employment program, will provide qualified students with opportunities to organize their own business with government loans.

The government will provide interest-free loans up to $1,000. The loan is basically a means of starting a small business operation in a suitable locality.

Projects should be geared to current market conditions and, if possible, not interfere with existing business.

To obtain a business venture loan a person must send a resume of the proposed business venture to the provincial panel for approval.

To ensure the business is run in an orderly fashion, students will use a standard system of keeping books, originated by the government, and be asked to submit progress reports during their operations.

All monies earned, above the cost of the loan, are profits for the entrepreneur, after expenses.

Local businessmen have agreed to be available for consultation if problems arise which cannot be handled by the student.

The basic idea of "Venture Capital" is to provide community college and university students with a chance to make money during the summer months and to gain invaluable experience about business management.

Students requiring more information or an application form should write the "Venture Capital Program", Personnel Branch, Ministry of Colleges and Universities, 9th floor, Mowat Block, Queen's Park, Toronto. Ontario.

SME Tours Rochester Institute

By MIKE WILEY

Three gyms, an arena, a swimming pool, two tennis courts, a bowling alley, two football fields, one lacrosse field, one track, a movie theatre, and 10 dormitories. These are just a few of the many facilities available to students at the Rochester Institute of Technology. (R.I.T.)

R.I.T., which has a full-time student enrolment of 6,500, is one of the leading schools of technology in North America.

The Niagara College chapter of the Society of Marketing Engineers, (SME), sponsored a tour of the school March 28.

Toi Fountain, new SAC president, was in charge of the tour, with instructors Bert Mills and Harold Sutton.

R.I.T. organized the tour to induce Niagara College graduates to enrol at their school. Students at R.I.T. must have at least two years of community college before they can enrol.

PRINCELY VISIT ???

By KEN BLAY

It was an announcement to whet the appetite of any new reporter.

"Prince Charles will pass through the Welland Canal on his way to the upper Great Lakes at nine o'clock."

John Larocque of CHSC radio made this announcement one Monday morning. Great was the excitement in St. Catharines.

Sixty cars and about 200 people descended on Lock 3 to greet the prince when his ship passed through.

It was five minutes past nine but not a ship could be seen in the canal. The crowd grew restless. One woman wondered out loud whether it could be a hoax . . . but no; Larocque could not get away with such a prank.

Eventually, John Larocque was heard from — when his show was piped through the seaway's intercom — and he was laughing.

That Monday morning was April 1. He had two words for the people lining the canal wall: "April Fool."

500 to attend November convention

By DOUG VOLLETT

The Hotel and Food Services Club is planning Hospitality Update, a four-day convention for hotel and food students from all over North America, to be held possibly next November in Niagara Falls.

Club President Ab LaChapelle said they expect about 500 students will participate in seminars and discussions relating to the program. The college would have to rent Ther Sheraton's Foxhead and Brock Hotels for accommodation.

This years convention was held at Ryerson College. Mr. LaChapelle said it was a success and made $4,000 profit for the students.

Ukrainian Dinner attracts 110 people to the Falls

H. A. Halliday and Peter Sullivan choose hors d'oeuvres at "Ukrainian Night", April 4, a continental din er given by The Hotel and Food Services Club. Mr. Sullivan is program co-ordinator for the Hotel and Food Management program. ***Photo by Jenny Vinnick.***

By DOUG VOLLETT

A spectacular view of Niagara Falls in the penthouse of the Sheraton Foxhead was the setting for "Ukrainian Night" April 4, the fourth annual continental dinner given by the Hotel and Food Services Club.

For two hours seven courses flowed continuously from the kitchen. Cabbage rolls, borsch, perogy and other Ukrainian dishes were served by students dressed in powder blue and cranberry blazers with bow ties.

Peter Sullivan, program co-ordinator, said "I was particularily impressed. The students did an excellent job planning and organizing. This is where they really learn."

Frank Anthony's Top Hatters Orchestra provided music for after dinner dancing.

About 110 people attended, mostly friends, teachers and family of the students.

John Mancuso, chairman of the dinner, said, "The evening went really smoothly and was trouble free." The only worry was that the food might not be authentic because it came from recipes.

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PLAN CEC CONFERENCE AT BROCK JUNE 16-19

By KEN BALDIN

Learning about new audio-visual devices and how to apply them to the educational setting is one of the objectives of the fourth annual Canadian Education Communication Conference in June, said Paul Byrne of the college's audio-visual department.

The June 16-19 event will be held by the Education Media Association of Canada (EMAC) and the Educational Television and Radio Association of Canada (ETRAC).

The conference will be centred at Brock University.

Mr. Byrne stated, "it will attract 400 to 500 delegates from across Canada and to some degree, the United States and other parts of the world.

He also said the conference will include guest speakers, field trips and workshops.

Tentatively scheduled speakers are Margaret Birch, provincial secretary for social development, Roy Sharpe, a Toronto lawyer to talk on copyright, Ran Ide, director of the Ontario Education Communication Authority and there is consideration of having people such as Pierre Berton and CBC's Barbara Frumm.

Field trips will go to the Shaw Festival, the National Film Board of Canada and all Niagara peninsula media centres, also Ontario Hydro and General Motors.

The small group approach will be stressed in the workshops covering television production and "computer integrated media", — meaning, study carrels with computers, — so that those participating will be more involved.

Experts in overhead projector transparencies and instruction booths will attend the workshops.

The conference, born from a questionnaire filled out by 1,100 members of ETRAC and EMAC, will stress actual experience, Mr. Byrne said.

Graphic Arts show in Resource Centre

By JOANNE LYNES

A graphic arts show will be held in the Resource area of Niagara College April 17-20. "This is the first time a graphics industry has stepped in to help with a school project," said Ron Rewbury, Graphic Arts co-ordinator.

Graphic moving picture shows each evening and art displays will demonstrate industry and education working together. The show serves a "dual purpose," said Rewbury. It helps companies sell equipment and graphic arts students get jobs.

A ribbon cutting ceremony April 17 at 7:30 will mark the official opening with remarks by A. S. Manera, college president. He will introduce president of A. B. Dick Co., T. P. Howe. I. J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, will make some remarks.

Students of Niagara will be able to see the show April 17 from 1-5 p.m. The public is invited to the official opening, the Friday 1-9 p.m. showing and the Saturday 1-5 p.m. show.

Ken Cosgrove, art director of the program, is in charge of laying out exhibits with a student committee. Chairman of the committee is Ken MacDonald, vice-chairman is Mario Delucia and secretary is Robin Rigby. Chuck Weaver, Dave Sipos, Debbie Zacharias and Don Crandall are members.

Secretaries prove helpful

By JOHN DUECK

For the second year, girls from Niagara College Secretary courses have been sent out for a work week in the real office world.

Mrs. I. S. Hanlin, course instructor said, "The work week helped girls to realize that it is a competitive world and not a lot of un or a playground, and that they must improve in order to succeed."

The Administrative Management Society (AMS) helps find placements for the girls, said Mrs. Hanlin. The girls then write their own introductory letter to the company, and take along an evaluation sheet which the employer completes at the end of the week.

This year 52 girls were placed in an office work week, and there were requests for more.

"Real" office work for the girls actually starts in the college before they go out for a work week, Mrs. Hanlin said. In their "in - basket" project, they get a day's mail and then have to answer it and explain the reasons for their decisions.

Typing letters in a foreign language is another practice they get. It means typing accurately several pages in "Die Furchtbare Deutsche Sprache", and also in the "L'Horrible Langue Française".

Evaluation sheets, sent back by the employer were very encouraging, Mr. Hanlin said.

Some sample comments:

"This girl did her work quickly and accurately. She stayed until 4:30 p.m. every day, and was prompt in returning from coffee breaks."

"She used initiative in the many tasks required of her. The quality of her work was beyond reproach."

"She was mature and not scatterbrained and talky like a lot of young girls. Her work habits were excellent."

"In 20 years of accepting students for work experience, this student was the most helpful to us."

'73—74 Yearbook due Sept.

By CAROLE COOPER

The 1973-74 Yearbook will be available the first week of September 1974.

Five full-time students make up the staff: Griz Witlib, editor; Kathy Twarog, assistant editor; Gary Gasparri, lay-out man; Ursula Jobst, sports editor and Ron Humphrey as photographer.

The office for the yearbook staff is in the SAC house, but since 80 per cent of the yearbook consists of candid shots and graduation pictures, excluding advertisements, most of the work is done in room 16 in the Mackenzie building.

It costs about $5,400 to print the 1,000 books already ordered. But including ink for covers special effects, extra pages, lay-out, etc., it totals $8,200 to $8,400. Winnipeg Inter-Collegiate Press publish the books. About $1,000 in advertising is sold in the book.

SAC pays the bill; any profit from sales goes towards next years' yearbook. The $35 paid at the beginning of September also helps towards its cost.

The books cost $4 until the end of April, when the price goes up to $5. It may be ordered at the book store. Griz said she hopes the yearbook will be free next year.

The staff take and develop their own pictures and Griz said it is not unusual for her to work 25 to 30 hours a week and to develop pictures Saturday and Sunday.

Live experience for ERT students

By VICKY SCHMIDT

Educational Resource Technicians served a dual purpose by inviting Grade two and three Lloyd Rice students to Niagara College March 27.

It provided these children with a gymnasium in which to participate in a fitness competition, and gave ERT students a practical working experience.

Lloyd Rice students were not in the least intimidated by their first visit to the large gymnasium, but took part in the 300 yard run, 50 yard run, and shuttle run with zeal and enthusiasm.

It was part of the Canada Fitness Program set up by the federal government. Awards, based on reaching a certain standard determined by the participant's age, are crests of gold, silver, and bronze.

Mrs. R. Lucas, ERT Instructor, described the idea behind having the children at Niagara College. "It is a good teaching experience for the ERT students, and provides live experience rather than theory".

"We want to share the facilities in the college for those who have none of these facilities outside of the school," she added.

The six second year students were Jane Waslowski, Diane Katch, Irene Dufford, Herminia Termaat, Doug Arnott, and Bruce Wilson. The other students were out working.

GRANTHAM STUDIES TENSION

By DOUG VOLLETT

A Grantham High School research program into means of eliminating tension in modern life is proving successful, says Bill Riddell, director of the Addiction Research Foundation in St. Catharines.

In a lecture at Niagara College March 19, he said the school has completed two-years of a seven-year program.

The program resulted from government concern over rising levels of drug consumption. Social changes have produced upheaval in society and people are turning to drugs rather than confront their problems.

Mr. Riddell said teachers indicate they believe in individual expression, but the school organization prohibits it.

Children receive many different messages from parents, teachers and friends. Their conflicting ideas make them uncomfortable and they reach for comfort by using drugs and alcohol. He attributed a rise of juvenile delinquency to these tensions.

Mr. Riddell said strengthening school department heads would increase communication and enable people to be happier with less disagreement and conflict.

Students stage library workshop

By PAUL WALKER

A workshop on Information Storage and Retrieval was sponsored by first and second year Library Technicians on Wednesday, April 3, in Hamilton Hall.

Margaret McGrath, chairperson of the day, who co-ordinated the workshop, introduced the keynote speaker Arthur Dick, supervisor of library services and records management at the Steel Company of Canada, Hamilton.

The students organized into groups and designed registration forms, prepared mailing lists, assembled handout packages and arranged for the purchase and serving of lunch. Costs were partially covered by the 44 registrations at $5 each.

Mr. Dick spoke of various ways of efficient library and records management. Because printed information volume is growing steadily, it can build up and become a "paper jungle"; one reason information can become misplaced is because it is filed to get it out of the way, rather than so that it can be retrieved.

NDP Prospects Good

Prospects are good for a stronger New Democratic Party in Canada as an alternative party, said Donald MacDonald, federal NDP president when he visited the Niagara campus March 26.

Everyone is unhappy with the minority government, he said. "The NDP only wants to be caught in bed with the Liberals briefly. For a long time it becomes indecent."

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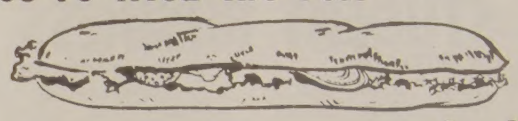

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Computerized car pool finds rides for riders

By DOUG CALDWELL

September will be the time for Niagara College students to jump into the pool--the computerized car pool that is. The college's computerized car pool was organized by the General Business Data (GBD) students to aid students in finding rides or riders to and from school.

Assisting the GBD students are Brian Millard, systems analysis instructor, and John Cassidy, programming instructor. Six students working directly with the instructors are Susan Quinn, Corinne Mantini, Darlene Wancha, John Erskine, Tony DiPalo and Chris Madden.

The reason for the car pool is two-fold; one, conservation of energy, and the students' problem of transportation. With the computerized car pool at the college, Mr. Millard said, "We can guarantee a ride for most of those who thought transportation was a problem".

The car pool will begin on registration day in September. Students will fill in a questionnaire that asks for such information as arrival and departure time at the college; telephone number and whether the person is a driver or rider. It will be possible for drivers or riders to alternate, allowing someone else to drive. Mr. Millard said the questionnaire is only a means to find how many students wish to participate in the pool.

From the response to the questionnaire, the GBD students will use a gird map to assign section numbers to marked off areas. These numbers will correspond with what campus the student attends.

Each student's information will be transferred to computers by means of punch cards. This will provide a listing of available riders and drivers by area.

City maps and computer listings will be posted throughout the college. The rest is up to the students to match area numbers from the city map with the listings' number. At this point, students will know what riders and drivers are in their area and, by phoning one another, transportation arrangements are made.

Drivers should check with insurance companies to see they have proper coverage.

10 scholarships from 'pinballs'

By KEN BLAY

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) hopes the first of 10 $100 'pinball scholarships' will be awarded at the May 25 graduation.

SAC had skill-testing machines installed in the cafeteria and Mackenzie Lounge this year at no charge. SAC which receives 50 per cent of the take has made about $1,000 so far.

Beth Bridgeman, immediate past-president of SAC, said money made on the machines will go towards student scholarships. She hopes two $100 scholarships will be awarded at graduation.

Although details for granting awards are not final, Beth said scholarships will be awarded for athletics and outstanding marks. She hopes each satellite campus will receive one.

FARCE LIGHTENS SEASON'S LAST

By DOUG VOLLETT

Although conflict may be essential in drama, theatre students (and audiences), should not have to struggle with stale and unentertaining material as they did in Niagara College Theatre Centre's final production of the year, "Warm, Wet and Windy," March 19 to 23.

Excellent stage-craft highlighted a mostly bland evening of three one-act-plays.

The first play, "Wisp in the Wind," by Jack Cunningham and performed by Donna Bis and Edward Theobald, was about a lonely lady who transmits her hysterics to a contented man.

It was an absurd play that pretended depth, but was intellectually shallow and gimmicky. Cute and fast-paced dialogue travelling in no particular direction seemed to confuse both audience and actors.

A black stage, a well-travelled trunk, a bench and an old CNR wagon made an impressive set. Colorful images of railway tracks projected against a grey back-drop created an aura of expectation which the play failed to complete.

Special care with sound effects plus an excellent presentation could not save "The Betrothed," by Jerome McDonough. Susan Kennedy protrayed submissive Vera, a young girl trapped between the conflicting wills of her mother and boyfriend (acted by Penny English and Normand Bouchard).

Everyone had a better time with "Out at Sea," by Slawomit Mrozek. An imaginitive though uneven farce, it was easily the best of the evening.

Dressed in tuxedos and surrounded by blue waves cut from ply-wood, three castaways (Doug Grass, Paul Joyal and Philip Cartwright), try to decide who will be eaten so the others may survive. They drew lots and held elections but could not find a victim. Doug Grass was first-rate as the fat castaway, a fast-talking confidence man who, through some obscure twist of logic, persuaded the bewildered and innocent th in castaway into volunteering.

Davies, McKinnon attend Fla. educational meet

By VICKY SCHMIDT and DOUG VOLLETT

To keep abreast of what is going on in other educational regions was the purpose of the fourth annual conference on college technology held in Miami, Fla., March 24 to 27, said Graham McKinnon, director of college services.

David Davies, chairman of liberal studies division, and Mr. McKinnon spent four days attending seminars with representatives from colleges and universities throughout North America to review new teaching techniques and methods of improved learning.

"We were interested in challenging our ideas and introducing new things to Niagara," said Mr. McKinnon.

They visited several institutions, including Dale Community College in Miami, the largest in North America with 39,000 students.

Mr. Davies and Mr. McKinnon are collaborating on a seminar report for college administrators. Brainstorming sessions and discussion of new ideas and procedures will follow. Asked if the theories would be applicable to Niagara College, Mr. Davies said he gained "a new perspective on the situation. It is premature to talk about it now."

Mr. Davies described "information mapping", a recent technique in preparing information on student learning. It is a means for programming learning.

Mr. Davies and Mr. McKinnon expressed concern about post secondary institutions. Mr. Davies said there is a danger that one can go too far with technology of education. "I'm not advocating retention of old methods, or the other end," he said. "Somewhere there is a happy balance."

Mr. McKinnon feels administrators, particularly in the area of the goals and objectives of learning, are "swinging away from individualism. It is not realistic for the student to take only what he desires because society has demands that must be met." He said the problem is the right of the individual to make his own choices vs. consequences to society.

Nemcko gets 3

Awards banquet honors winners

By LYN LAMBERT

Gary Nemcko picked up three trophies at the sports banquet held April 8 in the college cafeteria, winning Male Freshman Athlete of the Year, Most Valuable Player Award for Men's Hockey and the Western Division Scoring Championship.

The Outstanding Female Athlete Award went to Milly Russell and Patti Orsini. Outstanding Male Athlete Award went to Rick Ludlow.

Women's Freshman Athlete of the Year was Terry Porter for her participation in badminton and basketball. Most Valuable Player Awards, voted by each team, went to Debbie Russell for Women's Volleyball; Kris Wasiak for Women's Basketball; Jerry Dracz for Men's Volleyball; and Rick Ludlow for Men's Basketball.

The Athlete of Distinction Award, requiring 50 points or more attained through athletic participation and satisfactory academic standing, went to Angi Muto, Kris Wasiak, Sue MacLean, Milly Russell, Patti Orsini and Jerry Dracz, Rick Ludlow, Bill Young, and Peter Vincent.

Silver medals were presented to intramural winners: the James Gang for touch football and volleyball; Team for ice and floor hockey; and N.F.G. for basketball. Lee Kelly was the intramural golf winner. All varsity sports participants received badges.

Honor Whitehouse at dinner-dance

By LARRY ANDERSON

A dinner dance will be held on Friday, May 3, at the Niagara Falls Union Centre, Drummond Road, Niagara Falls, to honor John Whitehouse.

Mr. Whitehouse, Dean of the Institute of Labour and Labour-Management Studies at the college, has been appointed to the International Labour Organization, an agency of the United Nations. Mr. Whitehouse will leave for Geneva at the end of May.

Any member of the faculty who wants to attend can obtain tickets from Georgina DeYong, Room S-110, the Simcoe Building.

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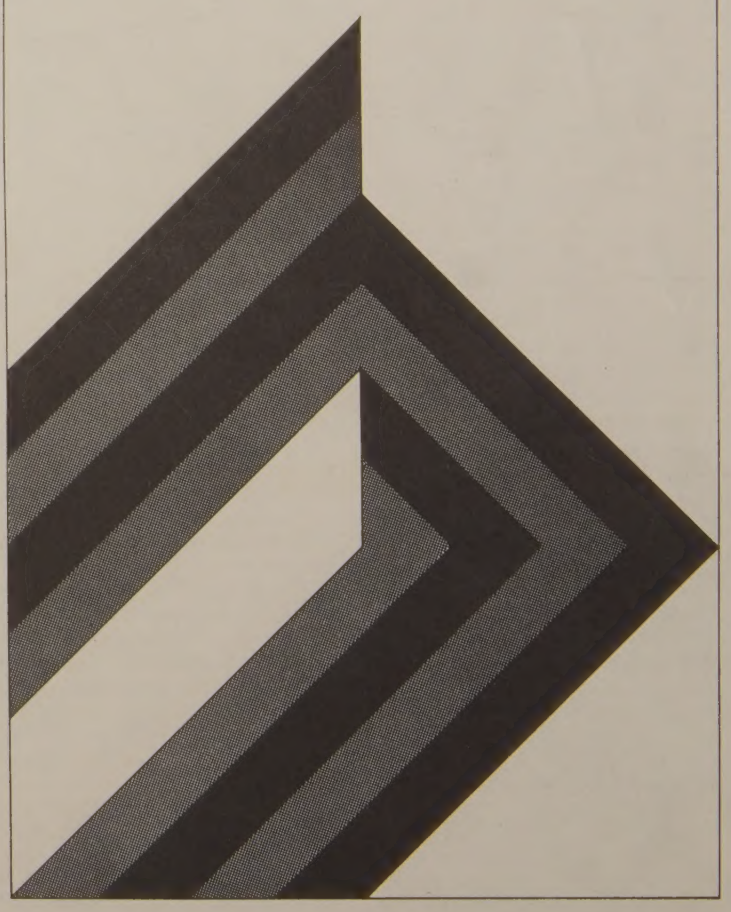

Petitions

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full-time business manager by the 1973-74 executive before it left office at the end of March. Fountain, the 1974-75 president, acknowledged the Bridgeman appointment, adding that the new executive could do nothing about the appointment.

In a written statement to the Niagara News, Mr. Manera said it was agreed at a meeting of the President's Student Advisory Committee on March 29 that copies of the latest auditors' report on SAC finances would be placed in the college resource centre for public scrutiny. The statement said explanation of the circumstances involving the appointment of a business manager would be prepared for publication in the next issue of the Niagara News.

Contacted upon receipt of Mr. Manera is statement, the new business manager said she could not see any point in a written explanation because she had given an interview to a Niagara News reporter the previous day. She did promise to meet a deadline commitment (April 5) for the written statement, however.

Concluding his written statement, the college president said, "I do not feel that, as college president, I should intervene except in a mediating role and this I have tried to do and I am prepared to continue doing, if necessary. I trust that this matter will be resolved soon by the students in a manner that will bring credit to all the students of Niagara College."

The machinery referred to by the college president for removal of SAC officers are articles XXIII, the calling of a special meeting, and article V, the removal of officers at that meeting. The first states that other general meetings of SAC may be convened by order of the president or first vice-president or by the board of directors at any time. On direction signed by not less than 10 per cent of the members of SAC, the secretary shall formally call a meeting of the council.

The article specifies that notice and place of meeting and the general nature of the meeting shall be given to students by postings on bulletin boards throughout the college and by communication to class representatives at least three school days before the meeting is held.

Any business may be transacted before such a special meeting which may be transacted before the annual or general meeting. A quorum for the meeting shall consist of five per cent of members of SAC, designated by the constitution as full-time students who have paid the activity fee and who have received a student identity card.

Under article V, Removal of Officers, the constitution states that an officer may be removed from office at any time by a resolution passed by at least two-thirds of the

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votes cast at a general meeting of which notices specifying the intention to pass such a resolution has been given, and any qualified person may be elected in his stead for the remainder of his term by a majority of the votes cast at such a meeting.

The term ends on Friday, April 25. Classes end on Tuesday, April 23, but examinations are held in some courses during the remainder of the week. Most students will finish classes on the Tuesday.

The first and second petitions were started by the disqualified candidate for president, Tony Henry. Source of the third petition was not revealed.

Toi Fountain

Capture Heritage in Sugar Bush

By GARY SCHNEIDER

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's Sugar Bush off Highway 8 in Vineland captures some of the old-time heritage of early Canadians during maple season.

The making of maple syrup by the Indians and early pioneers of Canada was almost a ritual. It was a time of year when there was much work to be done, but people enjoyed what they were working at.

Family dinners always included maple syrup and children had maple taffy-pulls. At the end of each season, the "sugaring off" took place. The maple syrup was heated and poured on the snow, and instantly became sweet taffy. It was a special time of the year, looked forward to by all.

The Sugar Bush is open to the public from March 1 to March 31 every year and conducts special tours for school groups. It is both a place to enjoy yourself and a situation in which you can learn.

Three areas make up the Sugar Bush. The first is a trail marked with descriptive plaques showing the different methods of collecting sap. Some of the 200 maple trees being tapped have wooden or metal buckets attached; others use the new plastic line method, collecting the sap from many trees at once.

As the trail leads up to the Sugar Shanty where the syrup is made and sold, old methods of collecting sap and making syrup are displayed. Perhaps it is a desire to return to older and quieter ways that makes most visitors spend a great deal of time here.

Indians used birch bark buckets to catch the sap and stored it in hollowed-out logs. Rocks were heated in an open fire and put into the sap. This evaporated the excess water and thickened the syrup. There are no added ingredients to maple syrup. Only the excess water is removed from the sap, the amount depending on whether you want syrup, taffy, or other maple products.

A hay ride is also offered free, just to add an extra touch to the country feeling. The smell of maple syrup cooking is enough to bring out the country in anyone.

The Sugar Shanty itself houses the modern evaporator, which boils the sap into syrup and sugar. The cold steel of the evaporator and other modern equipment is in direct conflict with the feeling of tradition which the rest of the Sugar Bush exhibits. On certain days pancakes topped with maple syrup are sold.

The Sugar Bush is well worth the $1 per car admission charge, little expense for the heritage and tradition it brings to each visitor.

Get shots for mumps

By KEN BALDIN

Mumps can be a serious matter for adults who have not had the disease, said Dr. G. J. Alexander, college physician, and vaccine is available at the college health centre.

He advises anyone who has not had mumps as a child to get vaccinated.

More than one of seven cases of mumps occur after the onset of puberty, according to a medical pamphlet which states that adolescent and adult males run the highest risk of suffering major complications.

If contracted by adults, mumps can lead to inflammation of the brain or spinal cord, facial neuritis, arthritis and hepatitis.

In men, inflammation of the testes (orchitis) could occur and in women inflammation of the ovaries and breasts.

Though women's complications seldom lead to permanent damage, orchitis in men can lead to impairment of fertility or to sterility.

NIAGARA FRONTIER CATERS TO CAMPUS

By GARY SCHNEIDER and CAROLE COOPER

Students at Niagara College next year will be able to get full-course meals at reasonable prices, said A. S. Aboud, director of director of student services. A $211,000 government grant will allow extension of the cafeteria, scheduled to be completed by September.

Food and beverages will be provided by Niagara Frontier Caterers. Canteen of Canada catered to the college for the past five years, but its contract expires June 30, 1974 and was underbid for the new contract.

Four companies submitted price lists and types of food to be served, and the lists were reviewed by a committee. The committee, made up of Mr. Aboud, J. A. Spittle, college property manager, and W. H. Cornett, dean of the school of retraining, brought in a couple of professionals to help them make their decision. They made recommendations to the board of governors, which made the final decision.

All of the vending machines on the Welland campus, hotel and restaurant, horticulture and theatre will be replaced by Niagara Frontier machines. Prices will remain the same, Mr. Aboud said.

Three hostesses who serve the food at the cafeteria will not return next year, since they are employed by Canteen of Canada. Bev Coons, who has been behind the counter for the last five years and also serves the luncheons for the board of governors and other executive affairs, will stay until June 30, Loreen Lavigne, at the college for two years, and Jean McDermid, on duty since September, will leave at the end of this term.

TRAIN MALES ONLY

By JOHN DUECK

Despite Women's Lib, there is still a lot of ground to be won from a man's world. Niagara College still has certain courses for which the college officials will not consider an application if the applicant's name is Jenny, Sheila, or Nancy.

"The Hospital Orderly Training program is strictly a male course," R.A. Newbery Chairman of the Academic Division, School of Retraining, said in an interview. There are enough other courses in which girls may enrol for training, he said.

The course, which has enrolled boys and men since 1967, has two sessions per year, each lasting 20 weeks. It has an average of 15 students per session ranging in age from 17 to 46, Mr. Newbery said.

Boys applying for the course must be in good physical shape, have a minimum of Grade 10 education, and be out of school for at least one year.

Training is conducted 50 per cent on hospital floors of the Greater Niagara General Hospital and 50 per cent in classrooms. The entire course is run at the hospital.

Job placements in this field are excellent. "To my knowledge there has never been a graduate without a job, if he wanted one", Mr. Newbery said. Though job placements are primarily in the Niagara peninsula, they reach from Montreal to Vancouver, and from Moosonee to the United States.

SME Plans

By MIKE WILEY

A possible week-long convention in the Bahamas, highlights the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) plans for the 1974-75 school year.

If there is a minimum of 50 people interested, SME will start making serious negotiations to come up with a decision by Sept. 1, 1974.

Invitations are open to family members and friends of SME members, faculty, and students in Schools of Business and Applied Arts. Students from Wellandvale in St. Catharines, and especially the schools of nursing are invited to participate in this trip.

The convention will be from Dec. 29 to Jan. 4, 1975. Cost of the trip will not exceed $229, and interested students can contact any member of the executive by telephoning 258.

Other proposed projects for next year include a trip to the Sheridan Research Centre in Toronto, an on-campus full-day seminar with speakers from the Canadian Government, and a seminar in Toronto on zinc industries.

MRT grad gets plum

By JOANNE LYNES

Don Ross, 24, is the first male student in Medical Records and according to Mrs. Janet Arnott, course co-ordinator, he has found one "plum of a job." He will be records director of Four Counties General Hospital, Newbury, with a staff of three working for him.

His field placement started April 1 and will continue for one month. Then he will be hired full-time. Don's parents are moving to Newbury, near London, from St. Catharines.

Mrs. Arnott said it is a "beautiful job and proves our grads can handle a supervisory job."

The job involves compiling and filing records, along with the presentation of statistics in analyzing health care.

Don said, "It gives me a broad perspective of health care and other facilities available. It also helps patients in safe keeping of records and making them available for research studies."

GRADS MUST CONTINUE TO LEARN

By GARY SCHNEIDER

Niagara College equips a student to carry out a job, but he will fall flat if he does not continue to work at learning, said Kay Malone, one of four graduates who spoke to first-year social service students March 25.

Mrs. Malone, Janet Bigelow, Don Pacaud and Liz Geegan, all graduates of the Niagara College social service course, answered student questions ranging from job possibilities to mental attitude.

A 1971 graduate, Mrs. Malone, is working at the Niagara Peninsula Rehabilitation Centre and said she had little trouble finding a job. She said college equips you better to work in social work than a B.A.

Don Paucaud, now employed at the Family and Children's Services, was in the first graduating class from the social service course in 1969. He said social work is a game of conflict and pressure. He is now working on his B.A., as are the other three, and found it hard to adjust to the change in learning institutions.

"We were really babied here and given a lot of concessions," he said, "but at university the pressure is really on to attend classes."

James Nicholas, sociology instructor, said many of his students are worried about getting jobs after graduating. The graduates agreed not everyone got jobs as easily as they did, but with a little work and patience most of them could find suitable employment.

Miss Bigelow and Mrs. Goegan, both working at the Family and Children's Service, said that there should be a three-year social service course at Niagara College. This would better prepare the students for work, they said.

No Lyra Pites

By SHEILA MACMASTER

This year's graduating students will wear rented graduation gowns as in other years and not lyra pites (graduation hoods) designed by Fashion Arts students.

The hood is white with a Niagara College crest on either end and has decorative blue piping along the outside edge.

J. L. Parrett, assistant registrar, said the lyra pites would not be used for graduation this year, if they are used at all. The Student Administrative Council would have to purchase them, they could not be rented.

Each graduating student attending Convocation pays a fee of $10.